

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, comprising:

a notification section that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of copyright protection for digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a function-setting section that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents of the message, and records information indicative of the setting of the set specific function to a removable mounted recording medium;

an execution restriction-removal section that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stops the function of said notification section, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function; and

an inhibiting section that inhibits said notification section from notifying the user of the message once upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.

Claim 2 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, further including a setting information storage device that can be mounted with a removably mounted recording medium and stores information indicative of the setting of the set specific function in the removably mounted recording medium, and a recording section that stores the information in the removably mounted recording medium of said setting information storage device.

Claim 3 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, including a data storage device that stores the digital data, and wherein the specific process includes storing digital audio data or image data taken in from an outside of the electronic apparatus in said data storage device.

Claim 4 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, including a data storage device that stores the digital data, and wherein the specific process includes storing digital audio data or image data taken in from an outside of the electronic apparatus in said data storage device.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section notifies the user of the message, in dependence on whether unauthorized duplication of digital data on which the specific process is to be carried out is inhibited.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said notification section notifies the user of the message, in dependence on whether unauthorized duplication of digital data on which the specific process is to be carried out is inhibited.

Claim 7 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said notification section displays a message concerning a copyright on a screen or notifies the message by voice, in response to an instruction for executing the specific process or an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 8 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said notification section displays a message concerning a copyright on a screen or notifies the message by voice, in response to an instruction for executing the specific process or an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 9 (original): An electronic apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said recording section stores the information indicative of the setting of the specific function in the storage device, in response to an instruction for storing the information.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said setting information storage device and said data storage device are an identical storage device that can be replaced.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes on digital data, said plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance,

the data recording method comprising the steps of:

notifying a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

setting a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user agrees to the contents of the message;

recording, to a removably mounted recording medium, information indicative of the setting of the set specific function;

removing the restriction on the execution of the specific process and stopping the function of the notification section, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function; and

inhibiting the notification of the message once the user agrees to the contents of the message.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for executing data recording method for an electronic apparatus that is capable of performing a plurality of processes including a specific process, the execution of which is restricted in advance, the program comprising:

a notifying module that notifies a user of a message calling the user's attention to the presence of a copyright protection for the digital data subjected to the specific process in response to an instruction issued on the specific process;

a specific function-setting module that sets a specific function for removing restriction on the execution of the specific process when the user indicates an acceptance to the contents of the message;

a recording module that records, to a removably mounted recording medium, information indicative of the setting of the set specific function;

an execution restriction-removing module that removes the restriction on the execution of the specific process and disables said notifying module, based on the information indicative of the setting of the set specific function; and

an inhibiting module that inhibits said notification module from notifying the user of the message once upon the user's acceptance to the contents of the message.

Claim 13 (new): The electronic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said function-setting section sets the specific function when the user inputs an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 14 (new): The method of claim 14, wherein said step of setting a specific function is performed when the user inputs an instruction for setting the specific function.

Claim 15 (new): The computer-readable medium of claim 12, wherein said function-setting module sets the specific function when the user inputs an instruction for setting the specific function.